

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

NOVEMBER CIRCULAR 2013

1. All rambles meet at the far end of Altrincham Station car park at rear of station . When submitting a walk indicate the mileage from Altrincham Station to the start of the walk (one way only). The cost will be calculated automatically.
2. Decision to cancel or change a ramble is taken at Altrincham.
3. Dogs (on a lead at all times) only taken with prior permission of the leader.
4. Addresses of organisers are in the Membership Card. Cheques to be made out to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.
5. Number of walkers and names of guests should be notified to the walks organiser.
6. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property
7. It is the responsibility of any Club Member who introduces a guest to a walk to ensure that their guest has read the 'Guidelines for Members taking part in Walks'

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SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - AROUND TURTON MOOR INCORPORATING PART OF THE WITTON WEAVERS' WAY

Leave 0845 11.75 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00
Leaders Peter and Susan Derby 980 3908 Mob No: 07967335481
Park Cars: Batridge Barn (HIGHER) Car Park SD 721172
Directions: M60/M61/A666. From A666 turn R onto A673 (Ramsbottom) then L on to A676 (Burnley). Opposite Latino Lounge turn L on to B6472 Turton Road and immediately after the bridge turn R onto the B6391. When the road bears to the right (towards Edgworth) do not turn but go straight ahead (leftish) onto High Street Chapeltown. Continue for approx 1.5m, take the second signposted Entwistle Reservoir Car Park to Batridge Barn CP on right. Return to Cars: 3.30 - 4.00.

Cheetham Close, Dimple, Catherine Edge, Top o' th' Brow, Cadshaw, Turton and Entwistle Reservoir. Gently undulating with no steep climbs, mainly on Bridleways, tracks and moorland. Expect it to be wet in places

- HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

Leave 0915 9/10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00
Leader Brenda Bailey 0161 900 9177 Mob No: 07549630227
Park Cars: Grid ref: SD939153. postcode OL15 0AZ. Car park at visitor centre northern side of Hollingworth Lake. P & D £2.10 per day. Leave M62 at junction 21 follow Milnrow signs and then Hollingworth Lake sign, go past lake and then go past the Wine Press Hotel. Car park is on the left.

Leave lake and go towards M62 viaduct. Under M62 around Dick Hill and climb steadily up towards Windy Hill. Cross Motorway and then up to Blackstone Edge

- PLUMLEY CIRCULAR

Leave 0945 7 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.00
Leader Alison Wilkes 962 9352
Park Cars: Car Park at Golden Pheasant, Plumley Moor Road. Map Ref 118 : 723752
Directions to Start : 1. Take A556 across M6 Junction 9 and on towards Northwich.
2. At second traffic lights, turn left into Plumley Moor Road, signposted Plumley.
3. In Plumley, go over railway bridge and turn right at bottom of slope into car park at Golden Pheasant.

Plumley – Plumley Moor – Royd Wood – Holford Hall - Plumley

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER - DIGGLE TO MARSDEN

Leave 0845 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80
Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 980 5007 Mob No: 07740 777184
Park Cars: In Tame Valley Car park in Sam Road, Diggle. SE006079. Explorer Map OL1. Post Code OL3 5PU. Take J23 Ashton-under-Lyne from M60 and follow A635 then A670 to Mossley. Travelling north through Diggle, Sam Road is 200m past the Hanging Gate pub which is on the left. Turn right into Sam Road and the car park is about 250m on the right.

This walk explores the moors above the Standedge tunnels. Starting from the Diggle portal of the tunnels we go north and climb up onto the moors and on to the Pennine Way before turning east and following the Station to Station walk down to the northern portal of the tunnels in Marsden. We then walk through Marsden and onto the Standedge Trail up onto the moors before dropping back down to Marsden

- **BIDDULPH AND CONGLETON EDGE**

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.40
Leaders Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 Mob No: 0773 327 0371
Park Cars: Biddulph Grange Visitor Centre CP. GR 893594. Take A527 south from Congleton towards Biddulph for 3 miles. Turn left at the Biddulph Grange Garden National Trust sign, but do not enter the NT property. Carry on up the hill for 200yards or so and turn right into Biddulph Grange Visitor Centre Car Park

Ascend to the higher reaches of Biddulph Park (nothing difficult) from where there are good views. Then along the Biddulph Valley Way, and a gentle climb onto Congleton Edge at Nick' th' Hill. Along Congleton Edge to Pot Bank and then Biddulph Valley Way back to the car park.

- **WILLASTON (WIRRAL)**

Leave 0930 5½ miles (can be shortened to 5 miles) Cat.4 Transport £8.00
Leader Brian Warburton 928 7087
Park cars Hadlow Rd. station CP (Wirral Way). GR.331 773. Take M56 to end, and follow on to A5117, to first exit (signposted Hoylake A540). After passing Gordale Garden Centre (on left of A540) turn right on to Hadlow Rd (B5151). Station CP is on right, between crossings and garage.

A leisurely flat walk, mainly pleasant fields, and a short stretch of the Wirral Way. We start with a nostalgic look, back in time at the station, which, although closed since the early 1960's will give us an insight into the railway system as it was.

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER - HASLINGDEN AND THE HALO

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.60
Leaders Stella Lewis and Carol West Tel No: 904 8998, 286-3771:
Park cars: Clowbridge Reservoir Car Park - GR823282. M66, A56 to Rawtenstall. Take the A682 towards Burnley. Turn right just past the Bei-Jing Restaurant on the left, approx 4 miles from the second roundabout in Rawtenstall. Signposted Rossendale Sailing Club. The public car park (P&D) is immediately on the right.
Climb Hambledon Hill and proceed along the broad ridge via Higher Withins and Cribden Side to visit the Halo. Return under Cribden Hill to Goodshaw Fold and the Rosendale Way.

EAST OF THE FOREST

Leave 0900 6 miles Cat.3 (*and a little 2) Transport £4.40
Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230
Park Cars: Standing Stones car park Macclesfield Forest Grid Ref 978 715
Take A537 (Cat & Fiddle road) from Macclesfield. At 4.3 miles from Arighi Bianci Macclesfield turn right at crossroads for Wildboarclough. Follow lane for about half-mile to turn right just before Stanley Arms. After 0.6 mile turn right down lane (second turn on right) signed Forest Chapel. Turn right at first junction and car park is immediately on left.
Starting from this high-level car park at 10.00pm and without losing height we take a scenic path to Shutlingsloe. A short *ascent takes us to the top where we will pause a moment at 11. Usually on this day a Union Flag is flown atop Shutlingsloe. We take the longer easier route down to Wilboarclough and return to our cars on a mixture of quite lanes, tracks and field paths via Bottom-of-the-Oven. A near repeat of the walk of last 11 November (photos on web-site)

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER - CORWEN

Leave 0915 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00
Leader Beverly Harrison, 928 1093
Park Cars: SJ 07937 43560 From A5 turn right at the traffic lights in the centre of Corwen and then right into the long stay car park near the bus station. Parking is £3.50. Toilets 20p.

The walk takes us on the daggar trail up through Cynwyd Forest to the moors and Liberty Hall. The return is through Cynwyd and an old railway line near the River Dee.

- **MARPLE - COBDEN EDGE**

Leave 09.30 7.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.00
Leaders Chris Todd/Janet Sadler & Sandra McFadyn 980 2780 (07504880322 on day)
Park cars M60 to Stockport. Exit J27. Follow A626 to Marple, then through Marple centre to bridge over canal, then keep left into Oldknow Road. Park at bottom in Arkwright Road. GR 961887

From Posset Bridge up Macclesfield Canal to Peak Forest Canal. Down to River Goyt and Roman Lakes. Steepish climb to Mellor Cenotaph. Up Cown Edge Way to Mellor Church. Moorend to Longshaw Clough. Up to Cobden Edge and Cobden Cross. Rough track down to Strines and return via Canal to Marple

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER - THE THREE VALLEYS OF TODMORDEN

Leave 0830 10.5 miles Cat. 3/2. Transport: TBA

Leader Suzanne Caulfield 928 4838

Park cars GR OL21 256922. Sports Centre Car Park 3.

From rdbt in Todmorden town centre take A646 Burnley Road for about 3/4 mile past Centre Vale Park on the left. After the furthest park lodge there is a bus stop followed by a school sign. Then turn next left into Ewood Lane. Car park is the furthest one, about 200 yards on the left.

Three climbs during the course of the walk which is a circular walk around the Todmorden hills. Todmorden Edge, Dobroyd, Salford, Lumbutts, Cross Stone, Devil's Rock, Whirlaw.

- RISHWORTH MOOR

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.80

Leader Frank Dockry 973 6617

Park Cars PC GR SD 983 143. Route M60 Join M62 going towards Leeds. Leave the M62 at Junction 22, at the end of the slip road turn right onto the A672. Go under the Motorway the car park is about a third of a mile on the right just after the lane to the radio mast.

We go over the motorway foot bridge then follow the Penine Way mostly uphill at the start. At the Pack horse track, those who want to could take a very short detour to see what is marked as the Roman Road on the OS map. We then go east then south past Green Withens Reservoir back to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - LAMALOAD TODDS BROOK CIRCULAR

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.40

Leaders Steve and Pauline Glover 928 0644 Mob No: 0771 750 6408

Park Cars: Lamaload Reservoir Car Park GR SJ977753. From Macclesfield, take the A537 Buxton Road. After approximately 3.5 miles turn left on a minor road, signposted Saltersford & The Goyt Valley. The car park is on the left 1.2 miles from the A537 and is free

A mainly high level circular walk to Thursbitch and Green Stack, Turnstead Knoll and Charles Head farms, then Summer Close and Waggonshaw Brow, back to cars by 4.00pm

- BURBAGE

Leave 0915 6 1/2 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.20

Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230

Park Cars: Grin Low car park (toilets - £1 honesty box) Take A537 (Cat & Fiddle road - becomes A54) to 'T' with A53 at Burbage. Turn right here then left and left again into Country Park (follow brown signs) Grid Ref 049 720

A late Autumn walk through the Country Park woodlands then over Cavendish golf course to Watford and Beet woods returning via the Dane Valley Way

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm on at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns. Subscriptions for 2013/14 are due after the AGM. Form attached to the October circular.

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - LYME PARK AND CHARLES HEAD

Leave 0830 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20

Leader Colin Turner 973 7770

Park Cars: Wood Lanes Village GR936817 from Poynton double roundabout take the A523 towards Macclesfield. In 1 mile (after crossing the railway) take first left into Street Lane, follow this road to the left at T junc. then straight on to park on verge opposite the bungalows before the Methodist church in the village
Return to Cars: 4pm approx

Canal path to Lyme Park to join the Gritstone Trail over Sponds Hill. We go on to Charles Head and Jenkin Chapel before climbing to go on to Four Lanes End, Gausie Brow and Bakestonedale Moor before returning to the cars

- BOLLINGTON

Leave 0900 8.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.00

Leader Tess Gregory 01625 614211

Park Cars: Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington, GR SJ931781.

White Nancy - Gritstone Trail - Vale Royal - Lamaload - Ginclough - Savio House. A roller coaster route with two gradual climbs in the morning and one in the afternoon.

- **WINDGATHER CIRCUIT**

Leave 0915 6.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.00
Leaders Pam and Phil Grundy 973 8854. Mob. 07952 564884
Park cars Goyt Woodlands CP GR 013 758. Take B5470 from Macclesfield towards Whaley Bridge. From Kettleshulme turn right into Side End Lane and along under Windgather Rocks. Turn left at Pym Chair down to the car park.

A walk along Fernilee Reservoir to Madscar and Overton Hall farms and a climb up to Windgather Rocks. It then follows the bridleway to Pym Chair and down to the car park taking in Erwood Hall via Foxlow Edge.

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER - WILDBOAR CLOUGH

Leave 0915 9.9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA
Leader Jack Garstang 980 6344
Park cars Layby alongside Ridgeway Reservoir. GR. 716 953. A523 out of Macclesfield, follow signs to Langley.

Long! steep! climb up road towards Forest Chapel. Across to Standing Stone, around Shutlingsloe, and past Crag Inn. Over river to Campers Barn, across to Hazels farm and Withenshaw Lane. Then field paths to Hanging Gate Inn connecting Gritstone Trail. Return to cars 4.15.

- **RINGWAY**

Leave 10.00 7.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport 60p
Leader: Elaine Hall 962 5422 Mob No: 07790063485
Park Cars: Road side on Sunbank Lane about half miles past M56 roundabout GR805846

A lovely nature walk along tracks through woods, by river Bollin across end of runway 1 and round runway 2. A varied and interesting walk.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

'A' walks and 'B' walks above 8 miles Phil Worsley Tel: 777 6013
'B' walks up to 8 miles and 'C' walks Alison Wilkes Tel: 962 9352

Further to the above and also from November 3rd would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward details of numbers on walks, guest details etc. direct to Phil Worsley

WEDNESDAYS

December - 'B' walk 4th. 'B' walk 11th, 'A' and 'C' 18th. Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER - WALK AND LUNCH

Unfortunately Betty and Joan cannot run this event this year, so Barry and Guilio will do it this time. Five mile town and country walk Mickerbrook / Ladybrook with lunch (£11) at the Vinery, Bruntwood Park, Cheadle. Book lunch and menu choice (Beef / Turkey /Lasagne - Christmas pudding, Pavlova or Ice-cream). Send with cheque made payable to The Vinery by 20th November to: Barry Rice, 11 Fairbourne Drive, Timperley, Cheshire. WA15 6AT. Tel. 962 2377.

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER - BLAZE FARM, WILDBOAR CLOUGH. Christmas lunch. - FULLY BOOKED

VINTAGE NEW YEARS EVE PARTY with live music and supper at Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road, Timperley, 8 pm to Midnight. Tickets £8.50, available from Derrick Hamer 969 3821.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Anne Brooker would like to thank all those who have visited her or sent Get Well cards following her operation at Wrightington Hospital.

Anne Molyneux would like to thank all who sent sympathy cards and letters on the sad loss of her husband Bill. Also all who attended Bill's Memorial service on 10th October.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 29th October at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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Changes to the Constitution and Rules

Listed below are proposed changes to the constitution. The first 6 items relate to proposed changes to the subscriptions that will be subject to Members approval at the AGM. The last item is a requirement of the Insurance Policy.

These items will be subject to approval by The Membership at the AGM.

- Delete: “New members admitted after 31st March shall pay half the current subscription for that year, unless admitted after 31st August, in which case they shall not be required to pay for that year”
- Delete: “Members may pay for several years membership if they wish. If membership ceases with one or more years membership credit remaining, the unexpired portion of subscription is to be treated as a donation”
- Delete: typing error the “2” before “4. SUBSCRIPTIONS
Delete: “If their subscriptions still remain unpaid at the following 30th September their names shall be removed from the Membership List”. Add: “If their subscriptions still remain unpaid at the following 31st January their names shall be removed from the Membership List”.
- 3. (b) Honorary Member ship. Delete ...’sent to the General Secretary by the end of June’ and replace with...’sent to the General Secretary at least 2 months before the date of the AGM’. Replace “The Honorary Member shall be relieved of paying any annual subscription” by “The Honorary Member and their spouse or widow/er if they are already a member shall be relieved of paying any subscription or related postage costs”
- 4. (a) Subscriptions. Change ‘current subscriptions, due the previous October, have been paid’ to ‘current subscriptions, due after the AGM, have been paid’.
- 6. Following the list Officials add a new paragraph. ‘One of the Members of the Committee shall be appointed as the H&S Officer’.

Management of the (Vernon Hill) Memorial Fund

The following proposal will be subject to approval by The Membership at the AGM.

Introduction

The large and diverse number of suggestions and opinions received from members regarding how the recent “Vernon Hill Legacy” should be spent has highlighted a need to establish a way of evaluating them, prioritising and employing the funds. The Committee consider that the Legacy was left to the Club so in keeping with the Club’s Constitution which states: *‘The objects of the Club shall be to encourage the appreciation, conservation and enjoyment of the countryside’* the Committee feels it should be employed in a way which will benefit in some way all if not the majority of members rather than any select interest group or endeavour. It should also be noted that there is no timing or stipulation as to how the legacy should be spent.

After considerable debate and discussion the Committee feel that the money, and any subsequent legacies, should be held in “trust” as a separate fund managed within but identified outside the club’s routine financial system.

Proposal

1 Responsibility

The overall responsibility for the management of the fund will be vested with the Club Treasurer, reporting to the Committee.

2 Management of the Fund

The Fund should be managed by a sub-committee comprising the Chairman, the Treasurer and one Ordinary Club Member. This Ordinary Club Member should not be a Member of the Committee.

3 Funding Projects

Members are encouraged to submit proposals for funds, in writing, to the Treasurer. Proposals must give details and approximate costs.

- (i) Any item less than £300 can be approved by the sub-committee and completed speedily.
- (ii) Items over £300 and up to £1000 must be approved by the full Committee.
- (ii) Items over £1000 must be approved by the members at the AGM.

